

# Health News Release

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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Asotin County**

In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least five years the registered nursing credential of **Lisa Nixon** (RN.RN.00117437). Nixon diverted controlled substances from patients at an assisted living facility where she worked as director of nursing services. She sold oxycodone, a controlled substance, to a confidential informant. During a search of Nixon's home police found oxycodone, methamphetamine and psilocin. Nixon pleaded guilty in Asotin County Superior Court to three counts of possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony.

#### **Clark County**

In April of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the massage practitioner credential of **Rob D. Ledoux** (MASS.MA.00024614). Ledoux was convicted in Clark County Superior Court of second-degree assault—domestic violence, a class B felony, and of harassment-domestic violence and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence, both gross misdemeanors. He didn't report the convictions to the Department of Health.

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### **Grant County**

In April of 2010 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Thomas A. Thorn** (MD00039020).

#### **Island County**

In April of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Tessa L. Bennett** (NAC.NC.10096057) under which her credential is indefinitely suspended. Bennett failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

### **King County**

In April of 2010 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against acupuncturist **Kunhye P. Golec** (ACUP.AC.00002648).

In May of 2010 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the dental assistant credential of **Rona Vee Goudeau** (DEAS.D1.60053142), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

# **Kitsap County**

In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the registered nursing credential of **George G. Mason** (RN.RN.00122064), who diverted narcotic medications from his employer for his personal use.

In May of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy withdrew a statement of charges against pharmacist **Victoria L. Osborne** (PHRM.PH.00050857).

#### **Lewis County**

In April of 2010 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery indefinitely suspended the credential of osteopathic physician **David A. Wooten Jr.** (DO.OP.00001802). Wooten failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

#### **Pierce County**

In April of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant and health care assistant **Beatriz S. Taday** (NAC.NC.10032206, HCA.HC.00133565) under which her credential is suspended for at least three years. Taday was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of two counts of second-degree identity theft and one count of second-degree theft, all felonies.

In May of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant **Joshua R. Ewing** (NAR.NA.60067725) under which his credential is permanently

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revoked. Ewing was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of two counts of third-degree child rape, a class C felony; and one count each of second-degree solicitation to commit child rape, a class A felony, and first-degree child molestation—domestic violence, a class A felony.

# **Skagit County**

In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Teresa A. Coffey** (RN.RN.00068223) in which her credential is suspended until she meets conditions that include proving her physician assistant credential has been reinstated. That credential was summarily suspended in August of 2009.

In May of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the registered nursing credential of **Jeri L. Earley** (RN.RN.00151205) because she failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

# **Snohomish County**

In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the registered nursing credential of **Cheryl Ann Mull** (RN.RN.00056232) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of her credential to practice in that state.

In April of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the emergency medical technician and health care assistant credentials of **Jerry L. Derham** (EMT.ES.00130190, HCA.HC.00146400). Derham pleaded guilty in Skagit County Superior Court to four counts of fourth-degree assault—domestic violence, all gross misdemeanors.

#### **Spokane County**

In April of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy summarily suspended the pharmacist credential of **Brian V. Anderson** (PHRM.PH.00018189) after the Idaho Board of Pharmacy revoked his credential to practice in that state.

In April of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Christopher T. Dassow** (NAC.NC.10072035), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

In April of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Donna M. Rushton** (NAR.NA.60060356). Rushton failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In May of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Jessie N. Bailey** (NAC.NC.10092611), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

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#### **Out of State**

**Arizona**: In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Kimberley J. Taylor** (RN.RN.00083073) in which her credential is suspended for at least two years. Taylor failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

**British Columbia:** In April of 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors summarily suspended the veterinarian credential of **Hakam Singh Bhullar** (VET.VT.00004783) after the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association prohibited him from practicing in that province.

**California**: In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the registered nursing credential of **Helen M. Curtis** (RN.RN.00051326). Curtis removed narcotics from patients' medication dispensing systems at the Tacoma hospital where she worked and failed to document the removal.

**Florida**: In May of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the registered nursing credential of **Nadine Kulikowski** (RN.RN.00172202) after the Florida State Board of Nursing permanently revoked her credential to practice in that state.

**Oregon:** In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the registered nursing credential of **Pamela D. Sidor** (RN.RN.00165656) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of her credential to practice in that state.

**Oregon:** In April of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the massage practitioner credential of **Jeffrey L. Moudy** (MASS.MA.60112109), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

**Texas:** In April of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Cristina J. Williams** (RN.RN.60089172) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing accepted the surrender of her credential to practice in that state.

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